

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NUMBER W8 3688(I)

TO: The Honorable Delbert Hosemann
Secretary of State
Post Office Box 136
Jackson, MS 39205
AND
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, at a meeting in Jackson, Mississippi on April 21, 2009, under authority of Section 25-43-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent to adopt the following wildlife management area regulations for the 2009-10 hunting year. This was done under authority of Sections 49-5-13 and 49-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W7 3688 is hereby repealed, and the following 2009-10 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

**2009-10 Regulations for
Graham Lake Waterfowl Management Area**

Lafayette County

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1	Nov. 20	Does and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Nov. 14	Dec. 31	Does and legal bucks.
TRAPPING	Jan. 1	Feb. 28	See area manager for permit.
YOUTH WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations		

NO OTHER SEASON shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed, except hogs during archery, youth deer, and waterfowl seasons and as prescribed in "DOG RESTRICTIONS" under special instructions.

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR GRAHAM LAKE WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA
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WMA USER PERMIT: All persons using this wildlife management area, except those exempt from purchasing an annual hunting or fishing license, must carry on their person an annual statewide Wildlife Management Area User Permit. This permit is required in addition to the daily visitor use permit and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

CLOSED AREA: Area is closed to access beyond the public viewing area except during archery season and special youth hunt dates.

BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits.

PERMIT STATIONS: All visitors must obtain a DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card from a self-service permit station. Parts A and B of this permit must be legibly filled out before using the WMA. Part A of the permit must be deposited in the return box at a permit station before using the WMA. Part B must be displayed on the dash of the vehicle so that the name, address, and date are visible from outside the vehicle. Permits are invalid if not properly dated or if date has been changed. Before leaving the WMA, visitors must complete the reverse side of Part B of the permit and deposit it in the return box at a permit station. It is the responsibility of the Area Manager and other Agency personnel to have permit cards completed.

DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at the deer check station as denoted on the area map by the hunter who harvested them. If WMA personnel are not available to check the deer, the hunter is responsible for collecting and legibly recording ALL biological data. Instructions and equipment will be provided.

LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 12 inches OR one main beam length of at least 15 inches. For hunters less than 16 years of age, one of the three buck bag limit may be any antlered buck.

ANTLERLESS DEER REGULATIONS: This WMA is NOT open to antlerless deer hunting during statewide either-sex gun days (Dec. 19-20).

DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Hogs may be hunted with dogs during daylight hours Jan. 16-Feb. 28 and July 31-Sep. 30.

LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting. Only rimfire rifles .22 caliber or smaller or any caliber of handgun with a six inch barrel or less may be used when hunting hogs with dogs.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: Off-road motorized vehicles/ATVs are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting or fishing access only. Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs is allowed for the retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. No loaded weapon may be in possession when retrieving harvested game.

HORSES: No horses allowed.

CAMPING: No camping allowed.

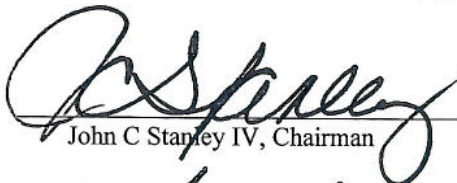
BEARS: Black bears may occur on this WMA. Hunting or disturbing bears is prohibited. Please report any bear sightings on your daily visitor use permit.

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 36, will be enforced. For additional information, contact the Corps of Engineers at (662) 563-4531.

Anyone wishing to comment on the above proposed action may do so in writing to the Executive Director, Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, P. O. Box 451, Jackson, MS 39205, no later than May 21, 2009.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS


BY:

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John C Stanley IV, Chairman

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Sam Polles, Ph.D., Executive Director